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Mr. Lou Sizemore  
Congressional Liaison Specialist  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 808  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Mr. Sizemore:

Enclosed please find several letters opposing changes to frequencies on mobile cellular units, PR Docket 92-235.

I have notified my constituents that I have forwarded their letters to you, and sent them a copy of your press release. Please take into consideration the concerns of my constituents when deliberating this issue and contact them accordingly.

Sincerely,

Nick Smith  
Member of Congress

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Dear Mr. Smith,

I am writing my letter to the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Don't feel that mobile radio  
are more important than our  
hobby.

Please Consider our situation  
and don't vote for the rule changes.

Thank You Very Much

Lyle C. Harper

4293 Occidental Hwy.

Adrian, Mi. 49221

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Recently the Federal Communications Commission issued a Notice of

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Kenneth D. Barnes  
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Dear Mr. Smith,

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It has come to my attention that the Federal Communication  
considering an action that will severely limit and potentially eliminate  
a very important sport of mine and my family. radio controlled (R/C)

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144 South Clay Street  
Coldwater, Michigan 49036

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The Honorable Nick Smith, 7th District  
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Dear Nick,

Since my boyhood days, I have had an interest in aviation, and for the last 30 years have enjoyed flying radio controlled model airplanes. This mutual interest of radio controlled airplanes helped bond my relationship with my two sons at a time when most parents have to worry about their kids getting into trouble.

Since our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band, I am very concerned about proposed rules to add additional private land mobile frequencies by interleaving them in between our radio control frequencies. This proposal is PR Docket 92-235. Although we have shared this band for many years, the frequencies were far enough apart not to interfere with each other.

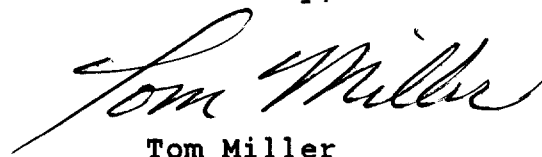
I have been told that of the 50 frequencies that we now have for radio control of model airplanes, 31 will be eliminated due to the "squeezing" of the bandwidths. Three of the four radio sets that I own would be unusable under this proposal.

Besides the monetary loss, I fear that safety is a real issue. Some of my models weight 9 pounds and can fly nearly 100 miles per hour. I worry about a mobile car radio with four times my power driving by and "flying" my model into a crowd of people. With only 19 channels remaining, the possibility of frequency congestion among modelers themselves also becomes a safety issue.

I realize that the FCC probably thinks that Radio Control Airplanes are the easiest to squeeze out of the picture, and they are probably right. Although there are thousands of others like me, we do not have the "clout" of many of the other organizations.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my sons and my hobby by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

  
Tom Miller

CC: Academy of Model Aeronautics

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Hon Nick Smith  
United States House of Rep.  
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Dear Representative Smith:

Regarding the recent proposal (PR Docket 92-235) to use 72 MHz and 75MHz frequencies on mobile cellular units.

Please be aware I am one of many people using these frequencies for my radio control equipment.

A great amount of expense, thought, and time has gone into our equipment.

It would be a terrible loss if I and my radio control friends were not able to operate our equipment without fear of disaster. Signal interference could cause serious injury to individuals by an out-of-control radio operated airplane, boat or car.

Before this issue is closed, please consider our position carefully.

Sincerely,

*Timothy J. Smith*

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Jan. 28, 1993

Dear Nick,

I addressed this to both you and Bonnalyn, in case you don't get back to Michigan before the end of February-you can see that this thing is sort of urgent. Bonny, will you please see that Nick gets this, in case of this? Thanks!

I'm not sure about what all this entails, or how far it has gone toward its completion, but it looks like what it will do is spoil anything to do with "radio controlled" model air planes, boats, and cars.

I just got involved in this model plane activity about three years ago, when we moved out here, and there are a lot of fellows in the activity. The enclosed sheet explains the problem better than I can.

I know this isn't the most important thing you are facing, now that you are in Washington, but I sure wish you can have one of your people look into it and see if it can be reversed.

**Draft Letter to Senator or Representative  
Regarding FCC Rule Making**

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The Honorable [-Name-]  
[-Address-]  
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Dear Mr./Mrs. [-Name-] (if to Representative):  
Dear Senator [-Name-] (if to Senator):

[Begin with a description of the writer's interest. E.g., "I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes." Or, "I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes."]

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I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. I personally own three radios, eight R/C models and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operating my models.

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